

# **WELLESLEY RECREATION COMMISSION**

## **MINUTES**

**May 12, 2014**

**6 pm at Warren Building**

### **Attending:**

Mr. Conlin, Mr. Wrobel, Mr. Burt, Mr. McKay, Mr. Sheehan, Mrs. Kaseta, Ms. Roy & Mr. Ryder  
Bob Capozzi, Advisory

Allan Port & Barbara McMahon, Community Preservation Committee

From the high school (all juniors): Kathryn Quirk, Emma Quirk, Matthew Matejka, Lauren Barnard,  
Tucker Jaenicke

### **Business:**

Minutes from April 28, 2014 were approved.

**Motion:** By Mr. Burt to approve minutes from April 28, 2014  
**Seconded:** By Mr. Sheehan  
**Vote:** All in favor (5-0)

### **CPC Update:**

Mr. Conlin invited Mr. Port and Ms. McMahon to the meeting to discuss North 40 land in regards to recreational uses, as well as other potential partnerships between CPC and Recreation. Mr. Port relayed that CPC cannot do anything with installation of turf, with the exception of preparing the land for turf installation. CPC can spend money to rehabilitate and restore things for recreational uses, or that will preserve recreational uses. Mr. Wrobel asked about a playground, to which Mr. Port and Ms. McMahon both said yes. Also, it was stated that a bathroom facility could be built at Sprague, for instance, because it would help preserve that land as a recreational facility.

After the meeting, Mr. Port communicated to the Commission an answer to a question that was brought up during the email. His answer: "The question was asked about how many towns have adopted the CPA. So far, 155 communities have adopted the CPA. There are 301 towns and 50 cities in Massachusetts, for a total of 351. 44% of the total has adopted. Boston has not adopted, but Cambridge has.

- 2 are at 0.5%
- 33 are at 1.0%
- 1 is at 1.1%
- 1 is 1.25%
- 31 at 1.5%
- 14 at 2.0%
- 73 are at 3%"

### **Wonderful Wellesley Weekend (WWW) Parade Float Update:**

Mr. Sheehan stated that the float is being built and painted in his backyard. It will be a scene from Morses Pond. The base of the float is 4'x8' and the backdrop is about 8'x8'. Mr. Sheehan stated he has rented a van to transport the pieces of the float to the designated staging area on Sunday. Mr. Sheehan and Mr. Wrobel will pull the float along the parade route, with help from Mr. Burt and Ms. Kaseta.

### **Commission Meeting times and schedule:**

Discussion was held about holding meetings once a month instead of twice a month, and moving the time of the meetings back an hour.

<b><u>Motion:</u></b>	By Mr. Burt to have one commission meeting per month on the second Monday of the month at 5pm at the Warren Building, with a second meeting on the fourth Monday only when deemed necessary by the Commission.
<b><u>Seconded:</u></b>	By Mr. Wrobel
<b><u>Vote:</u></b>	All in favor (5-0)

### **Morses Pond Marketing:**

Ms. Roy informed the Commission of a Facebook contest that was run for people who liked the page. It garnered more than 100 likes for the page, and the Department gave away two pond passes to two random winners. Ms. Roy is thinking about doing a MOPO photo contest, as well as a photo timeline of happenings at the beach as the season starts.

### **Marketing and Sponsorship Update:**

Ms. Roy informed the Commission of a trifold flyer she put together for selling ad space in the program brochures. These flyers were passed out at the meeting. They were sent to local businesses in town and she is looking to get commitments for up to 10 quarter page ads for the fall brochure. In addition, businesses can sponsor the weekly Constant Contact email. Ms. Roy also has gotten the Department involved with the Chamber of Commerce. Ms. Roy has reached out to Needham Bank about sponsoring the lifejackets needed to be purchased at MOPO for the upcoming Christian's Law that will potentially be enacted. Needham Bank may be willing to sponsor part of the cost, but not the full amount. Mr. Wrobel brought up finding more businesses in town to donate besides Needham Bank.

### **Surplus Update To Date:**

Ms. Kaseta distributed financial information for the Winter and up-to-date for the fiscal year, which did not include instructor and vendor costs for the Spring session. The numbers as a whole look better, and the Department is on pace to potentially match the surplus number given to the Town.

### **Commission Announcers for Summer Concerts:**

Ms. Kaseta passed around a sheet of the summer concert series and asked the Commissioners to select a concert(s) to announce the bands this summer.

### **Commission Reorganization:**

Mr. Wrobel brought up the need for a representative from the Commission to be on the North 40 Committee. It would include a lot of work over the summer as that committee will be getting ready to present a proposal at a special town meeting in the fall. Mr. Wrobel had expressed the need to have information from Recreation put before the North 40 Committee; items that Recreation wants to have addressed as possible uses for the land.

Mr. Burt and Mr. Conlin volunteered to be the representatives on the committee.

Commissioners will be volunteering for the following committees in the upcoming year:

Playing Fields Task Force: Mr. Sheehan

CPC: Mr. Conlin

Beach Safety Team: Mr. McKay

900 Worcester Street: Mr. Wrobel

North 40: Mr. Conlin and Mr. Burt

A new chairman and vice chairman were discussed.

**Motion:** By Mr. Wrobel to nominate Mr. Burt as the new chairman of the Recreation Commission.

**Seconded:** By Mr. Sheehan

**Accepted:** Mr. Burt

**Vote:** All in favor (5-0)

**Motion:** By Mr. Burt to nominate Mr. Sheehan as the new vice chairman of the Recreation Commission.

**Seconded:** By Mr. Conlin

**Accepted:** Mr. Sheehan

**Vote:** All in favor (5-0)

### **General Discussion:**

None.

### **Citizen Speak:**

None

**Next Meeting:**

The next Commission meeting will be June 9, 2014; 5pm; Morses Pond

**Motion:** To adjourn by Mr. Burt

**Seconded:** Mr. Wrobel

**Vote:** All in favor

Meeting adjourned at 7:25 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jan Kaseta

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